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Commending the Virginia Tamil Academy.

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WHEREAS, the Virginia Tamil Academy has proudly taught the Tamil language, one of the longest surviving classical languages in the world, to members of the Northern Virginia community for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, the Tamil language, which has existed for more than 2,000 years, continues to be used in contemporary India and in countries around the world by the Tamil people; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tamil Academy, a volunteer-based, secular, nonprofit organization, currently has 170 registered students and 50 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, through the Virginia Tamil Academy's hard work, students across Northern Virginia are being introduced to the Tamil culture, literature, and language; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tamil Academy organizes community social and educational events to highlight the Tamil culture; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tamil Academy utilizes democratic ideals to help promote decision making and transparency among the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tamil Academy also has a Tamil Virtual Academy to assist students of the language who cannot attend the classes in person; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tamil Academy provides students with the opportunity to make new friends, learn about the Tamil culture and language, and build leadership and team-building skills; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Tamil Academy hereby be commended for its commitment to preserving an ancient, classical language; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Tamil Academy as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the Academy's dedication to its students.

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